materials. There has been considerable awareness grown in the country about the harmful effect of such misuse of internet. National Informatics Centre (NIC) has already hosted a web site (netsafety.nic.in) for the benefit of public in this regard.

Cellphones pre-paid cards buyers

2650. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are unable to get exact details of the cellphones pre-paid cards buyers; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps are being taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cellular Mobile Telephony Service (CMTS) Operators have been instructed to streamline the procedure and ensure complete verification of the identity of each and every subscriber of Cellular Service before providing the service with immediate effect including pre-paid/cash card service.

National Telecom University at Hyderabad

2651. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received for establishing a National Telecom University at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, when such a request was received in his Ministry; and

(c) what action has been contemplated thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) "A letter from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh addressed to the Hon'ble Minister of Communication has been received on 20.03.01 suggesting setting up of a National Telecom University at Hyderabad with added faculties of economics, business administration, sociology, finance and banking related to Telecom and computer courses including research on advance themes. The suggestion is preliminary in nature and no decision has been taken on the subject."

Operation of INSAT-3C Satellite

2652. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether INSAT-3C Satellite is fully operational for satellite phone scheme;

(b) if so, the details of facilities available through the satellite; and

(c) by when the satellite phone would be made available to public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) INSAT-3C has C-band, Extended C-band, Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) & Broadcast Satellite Service & S-band transponders. These transponders cater to telephony, data & video services.

(c) One transponder in MSS (Mobile Satellite Service) has been provided in INSAT 3-C Testing with the ground segment is going on.